

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Agricultural Marketing Service
Fruit and Vegetable Programs
Processed Products Branch

NOTICE TO THE TRADE

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF COLOR STANDARDS FOR CANNED PUMPKIN AND CANNED SQUASH

The Processed Products Branch (PPB), Fruit and Vegetable Programs (FV), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) wants to notify the food industry and other interested parties of the availability of the reproduced color standards for Canned Pumpkin and Canned Squash. The set consists of a water-resistant, bi-colored plate that represents minimum color allowed in each color classification in canned pumpkin and canned squash. The revised color standards for Canned Pumpkin and Canned Squash replace the previous edition, which consisted of two solid plastic plates labeled "Model No. 1" and "Model No. 2", produced by Magnuson Engineers, dated December 22, 1958.

Instructions for the application of the color standards and scoring of color are found in the Grading Manual for Canned Pumpkin and Canned Squash.

This inspection aid is available and may be purchased by processors, buyers, and other interested parties from:

GretagMacbeth™
Munsell® Color Services
617 Little Britain Road, Suite 102
New Windsor, New York 12553-6148
Telephone: (845) 565-7660 or
1-800-622-2384
Fax: (845) 565-2511

For any additional information on the color standards, please contact:

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